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Date for decision on plant is settled

A DECISION on whether to give controversial plans for a £120 million waste incinerator near Kidderminster the go-ahead will be made by April 23.

It follows an eight-day public inquiry over proposals for the plant, which would be built at Hartlebury.

Planning permission was granted by Worcestershire County Council in March but Local Government Secretary Eric Pickles called in the plans. A final report is being prepared for his department by the Planning Inspectorate. It will contain a recommendation and the final decision will follow.

Campaign group Worcestershire Residents Against Incineration and Landfill submitted a 500-page dossier of objections. More than 2,300 people signed a petition and 1,100 letters of objection were sent.

Objectors argued that neither Mercia Waste Management nor Worcestershire County Council looked at alternative methods of waste disposal.

They say the incinerator would be a blot on the landscape and the number of lorries carrying waste to the site would make their lives a misery. But Mercia Waste, who are behind the application, say the incinerator would create up to 30 jobs.

Delays hit £4.2m crem

A £4.2 million cemetery and crematorium for the Wyre Forest district will not officially open until February.

Wyre Forest District Council wants representatives from religious groups to bless the site and is finalising a date when they are all available to attend.

Bosses said the official opening of the site, in Minster Road, Kidderminster, would likely take place within the "next five or six weeks".

POLICE VOW TO FIND BETTY'S MURDERER

by Adam Burling

POLICE today said they "would not rest" until they have caught the killer of popular retired teacher Betty Yates who was found murdered in her remote Bewdley cottage.

Mrs Yates, aged 77, died from a single knife wound after being attacked at her secluded cottage off Dowles Road. A murder investigation has been launched by police who say they are looking into possible motives, including the theory she was stabbed after disturbing burglars.

Officers were today trying to piece together her movements in the hours before she died. And in a direct appeal to the culprit, DCI Neil Jamieson said: "We will not rest until Betty's killer is caught and I would appeal directly to that person not to wait until that happens and contact us now."

Tributes are paid to a caring lady

TRIBUTES have been paid to Mrs Yates, who was described as a "vivacious and popular person" and a "true lady."

Her children David and Hazel led the tributes, saying: "Our mother was a vivacious, independent and popular person. She had a lovely character and was extremely caring. She was also very fit and active for her age."

"Naturally we are extremely shocked at the manner of her death and we do not know whether we will ever come to terms with that."

"Thankfully we were able to spend some time together when we all got together over Christmas and those are now our final, treasured memories. We will always remember her with love and affection."

Former pupils gathered for a candlelit vigil outside her home on Sunday, organised by Verity Worthington, 29, of St John's Avenue, Kidderminster.

She said: "Her loss is a tragedy. She was an inspiring teacher who went the extra mile and was really before her time."

Charlotte Mayall, also 29, of Sculthorpe Road, Blakedown, said: "She was an incredibly kind person and really loved the children she taught. I remember all of the extra-curricular things she used to teach us."

There have been more than 80 calls from the public since the probe was launched and police say they have "a number of leads". They are now looking at CCTV footage from roads outside the town and are also searching fields, woodland and rural areas. Forensic experts are expected to remain at the property for days to come.

It is thought the killer may have discarded some clothing after fleeing. Mrs Yates was a member of the Bewdley Civic Society and an active participant of the Wyre Forest University of the Third Age, an activities group for older people.

She had lived alone at the cottage since the death of her husband, Raymond, seven years ago.

It is in a secluded spot, one of three properties on the western bank of the River Severn and accessed by a dirt track from Dowles Road.

Friends are said to have urged her to move but she had always refused as the house had good memories of her husband. She is survived by a son and daughter and had celebrated her 77th birthday on December 28.

DCI Jamieson said a knife found at the scene was believed to be the murder weapon. Detectives are focusing on the hours between when Mrs Yates was last seen by friends on Monday afternoon last week and the following morning.

The former teacher of St John's C of E Middle School in Kidderminster and Foley First School in Streetly was found dead by police last Wednesday at about 9am.

Anyone with information should 03003 333000 or Crimestoppers on 0800555111.



Victim Betty Yates, 77, who was stabbed



Ex-pupils Charlotte Mayall, left, and Verity Worthington were among those holding a vigil for Mrs Yates



Police at the remote cottage in Bewdley where the body of Betty Yates was found

Probe on Facebook message

THE AUTHOR of a Facebook message that claimed Mrs Yates was killed by an attacker who broke into her home has been traced by detectives in the murder inquiry.

The message, which suggested knowledge of events surrounding her death, was taken down before police were aware of it. But it was reported by other visitors to the site.

The comment claimed Mrs Yates, aged 77, discovered a trespasser in her home off Dowles Road and he "panicked" and stabbed her because she "told him off".

It added there was "meant to be a clean sweep" of the Riverscroft cottage.

The message read: "She wasn't meant 2 b home, the lad panicked and stabbd her cus she told off 4 bein in her house. It was meant 2 b a clean sweep but she was home, she didn't stand chance."

Detective Chief Inspector Neil Jamieson said that police had spoken to the author of the comment and that it was "another line of inquiry".

Plan for Asda has traders fuming

TRADERS in Kidderminster fear their profits will be hit if plans for a controversial new superstore go ahead.

Asda wants to create 370 jobs by building a 40,000 sq ft supermarket on the edge of the town centre but independent businesses in the nearby Horsefair fear they will be left struggling.

They have drafted in planning consultants to help their campaign before the application goes before councillors next month.

A report by England & Lyle says the town centre economy is "weak" and "vulnerable to an out-of-town development".

And a report commissioned by Wyre Forest District Council claims that Asda have failed to consider other locations.

The council argues it could be built on land taken up by the Glades Leisure Centre, which is set to close as part of a review of leisure facilities in the town.

Bill Sidhu, leader of the Horsefair Trading Partnership, says the row of independent shops would be cut off by the development as traffic would be diverted onto the new carriageway.

An Asda spokesman said: "We have listened carefully to feedback from the local community and have incorporated many ideas."

Homes idea for village

A £4 million project to build new homes in a village near Stourport has been announced by developers.

Old flats will be demolished in Hartlebury to make way for 35 two and three bedroom homes.

Festival Housing says the proposals will bring new affordable homes to the Worcestershire village. Homes will be built on two sites, off Woodbury Close and Worcester Road, if permission is granted.



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Church puts its faith in steel to stop lead theft

WORK to replace the lead roof at a church near Kidderminster to deter metal thieves is expected to start later this month. A form of stainless steel will be used at St Cassian's, Chaddesley Corbett.

Volunteers needed to help charity

A CHARITY which aims to tackle loneliness among older people is appealing for volunteers in Kidderminster.

Contact the Elderly is looking for hosts willing to welcome a small group of elderly people into their home for a tea party two afternoons a year.

The charity aims to relieve the loneliness of isolated elderly.

Pamela Walker, the charity's development officer, said: "The charity is committed to offering a life-line of friendship to the oldest and loneliest people."

"This lifeline in Kidderminster is currently under threat due to a real shortage of volunteer hosts."

Call Pamela Walker on 0121 6031331 or email pamela.walker@contact-the-elderly.org.uk

It is believed to be one of the first in the region to use the material.

The Rev Hugh Burton said it was hoped work could start this month now contractors had been found.

Church staff are looking at whether services or events need to be re-arranged but he said little disruption was expected.

The church will invest £20,000 in Terne stainless steel, which of little value for thieves to sell on as scrap.

Spend

Thieves hit the church twice within a month over the summer, leaving water pouring in through the roof of the side chapel.

Mr Burton said he was "sickened" by the thefts.

After discussions with insurers and architects, they decided to spend the money in the hope that thieves would soon realise the material is not worth stealing.

There are references in the Domesday Book which imply that there was already an established church at Chaddesley Corbett, but the present nave dates from the 12th century.

Early baby greets New Year



Christian and Sarah Palmer with their New Year's Day baby

IT was a double New Year celebration for Kidderminster parents Christian and Sarah Palmer when they welcomed in 2012 with a new baby.

He arrived at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital just after 3am weighing 9lbs 8oz and was six days early.

He is the couple's third child and will be baby brother to Camryn, aged eight, and six-year-old Harrison.

Wanted

Mrs Palmer, a 35-year-old school teacher at Wood Green Academy, Wednesbury, said: "He is the first of my children to be born early."

"Usually they have been right on time or a little late."

"I think he just wanted to come in with the New Year and all the celebrations."

The couple of Marlowe Close, said last week that the youngster was most likely to be named Ethan but they had not yet made a final decision.

Mr Palmer, a 38-year-old sales rep, said: "We are very proud of him."

Jobs are saved at car firm

AT least 14 jobs have been saved at a car repair company which planned to close its Wednesbury and Stourport sites to save £1.9 million.

Nationwide Accident Repair Services began a redundancy consultation in November, placing around 200 jobs at risk across eight branches.

In the West Midlands, 44 workers were in jeopardy at the Wednesbury and Stourport bases. Now it has been revealed at least 14 staff will be relocated to sister branches, sparing them the axe.

A company spokeswoman said: "The process is ongoing trying to re-employ as many as possible in the West Midlands, but 14 people have been saved so far by moving to other sites."

The firm announced in November its profits were hit by a decline in insurance claims and mild weather.

The company, which also has branches in Walsall and Birmingham, said revenues would stay constant but second half pre-tax profits would be below expectations. It is confident its business model means prospects are "very positive".

Pride at club

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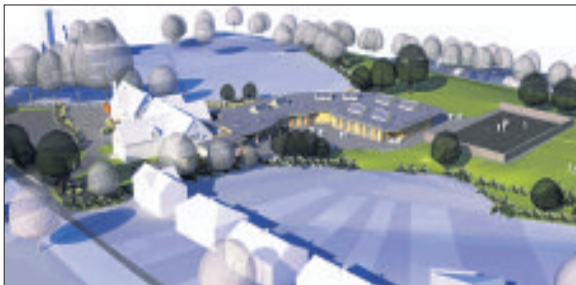
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Village school may look like this after revamp



The school will have a more modern appearance, with more space for the pupils



A view of how Cookley Sebright Primary School will look after the revamp

THIS is how a school near Kidderminster could look once it has undergone a long-awaited overhaul. The scheme is for Cookley Sebright Primary.

By Helen Cartwright

It will involve a new extension and the demolition of a swimming pool.

A number of classrooms will be built and temporary buildings will be removed.

The plans have been in the pipeline for several years and a planning application for the work has been submitted to Worcestershire County Council.

The council's planning department will make a decision on the scheme but Wyre Forest District Council has also been consulted as the scheme falls within its area.

Added

County council spokeswoman Charlotte Broome said: "At present there is no timescale for a decision."

The school was built in 1884 although there have been a number of additions and extensions over the years.

Most of these were between 1966 and 1970 when flat-roofed classroom blocks were added to the front and back of the site.

The new images, released

by the county council, show the revamped school will have more of a modern look, with more space for youngsters to enjoy.

The proposals have been drawn up by county council chiefs amid concerns that there is a lack of group spaces in the existing building.

Some classrooms can only be accessed through the hall or other teaching areas.

There are also concerns that many of the facilities are undersized and unsuitable for some of the older children.

The buildings have a high running cost.

Under the plans, the "substandard elements" of the existing school, which are impracticable to extend or upgrade, will be demolished.

But the historic parts of the building will be retained and adapted to suit the requirements of a larger school.

A new extension will be built to the back of the old school which will offer improved accommodation.

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NEWS in brief

Time to walk off festivity excess

PEOPLE trying to recover from the excesses of the festivities can walk at Burlish Top, The Kingsway, Stourport, on January 15 and 22.

Experts will also lead residents through cardiovascular workouts as part of the events. Sessions will be held between 1pm and 1.30pm and 2pm to 2.30pm on both days.

Advice on warm-up, trial exercises and cool-down stretches will also be included. Residents will also get the chance to take part in a guided walk. Free parking is available and the events will suit all ages groups.

Woman in court on arson charge

A WOMAN has appeared in court following a fire at a house in Kidderminster. Satinder Kaur Gandham, aged 33, of Walton Close, Kidderminster, is charged with arson with intent to endanger life.

Worcester magistrates remanded her on conditional bail last week to appear at Worcester crown court on April 23. The fire was at a house in Walton Close during a New Year's Eve party.

Help on finances

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Delight for company as it secures £56m work

A CONSTRUCTION firm in Stourport has secured contracts worth around £56 million for regeneration projects in Worcestershire.

Thomas Vale, which employs 700 people, will be working on schemes including the town's Bridge Street redevelopment.

The company is hoping to improve on last year's record-breaking turnover of £251 million after winning a number of large contracts for 2012-2013.

Clients include Wyre Forest District Council, the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA), British Waterways, Worcestershire County Council and development-partner Clive Fletcher Developments.

The first of the projects is the Bridge Street redevelopment that will link the town centre with the historic canal basins.

There will also be a number of retail and homes built as part of the scheme, which council chiefs hope will add to the appeal of the market town.

It is expected that a planning application scheme will be lodged in the spring.

Council leader John Campion said: "The council and

its partners have been working closely for some time now to bring forward this boost to the local Stourport economy that will increase its attraction as a visitor destination by making use of one of its heritage assets, the canal basins."

Development manager Stuart Buckley said: "This scheme will enhance the commercial and leisure offer for the town and provide a high quality canal side scheme."

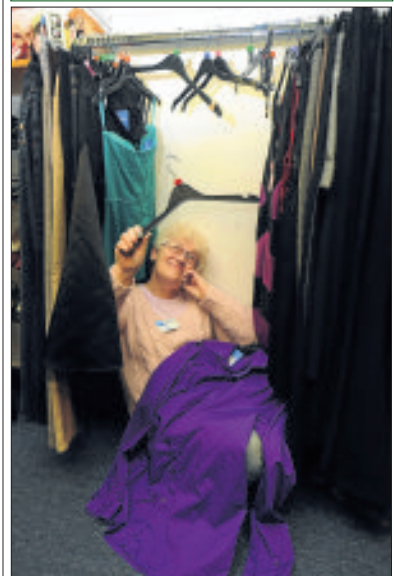
"It will create demand for homes and jobs and boost local economic growth."

Meanwhile, the company is working on the new £6.9million headquarters for the district council, which is due to be completed in June.

Workers will move from other council-owned or operated offices currently based around the district.

Older buildings owned by the authority are expected to be sold off to raise cash for the new development.

Appeal for stock



Volunteer Jacqui Symonds hoping for more donations

STAFF at a Bewdley charity shop have launched an appeal for stock to help fill their shelves. The Sue Ryder Care shop, Load Street, is running low on items to sell to raise vital funds. Workers and volunteers said they would welcome donations of clothes, books, bric-a-brac, toys, jewellery, handbags, toys and household items.

Manager Dawn Harvey urged people to start their spring-cleaning early to help find clothes and books they no longer wanted. "I think because of the recession people are keeping hold of things for longer. But we would be very grateful for anything people feel they are able to donate," she said.

Rocking with Mr Rusty

A CELEBRATION of rock 'n' roll music featuring performances by live bands and DJ sets will be held in Stourport. Among the performers at the Riverside on June 5 will be Wolverhampton DJ Mr Rusty and the bands The Wanderers and Rockin' the Joint. There will be trade stands and a display of classic cars and motorbikes. The event is in its fourth year and attracts fans nationally. Call 01562 732994.



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Decision soon over the future of leisure centre

Get in step for hospice

A CHARITY in Kidderminster is offering people the chance to shed a few pounds with its first Zumbathon.

KEMP Hospice, in Mason Road, is hosting the event on January 28 when staff hope to raise vital funds through sponsorship.

The Zumbathon will last for two hours and Kate Wilkinson, part of the fundraising team at the hospice, said she was hoping for a great turnout.

"I am really excited about this event. We have a fantastic instructor Sandra Todd and we are anticipating a fabulous atmosphere," she added.

"We really appreciate all that our local community do for the hospice and this event is a great way to meet some of our great local residents and friends."

People need to register before the event. Register online at www.kemphospice.org.uk or call 01562 756066.



Sandra Todd, front, and facilities administrator Jo Power promote the event

Checking out the benefits on offer

AGE UK Wyre Forest has been awarded a grant from Age UK and the power firm E.ON to help people of 50 and over who live in the area to claim benefits they could be entitled to.

If anyone wants a benefit check call Age UK Wyre Forest at The Tulip Tree Centre, Castle Road, Kidderminster, to make an appointment, on 01562 827788. Home visits can be made to help disabled people.

A DECISION on the future of Kidderminster's leisure centre and swimming pool is expected this month.

A report is being drawn up on Wyre Forest Glades Leisure Centre following a consultation with residents in October and will go before the council's cabinet on January 31.

It is expected the recommendations would spell the closure of the. Under the proposals, the complex would shut and a replacement would be built at a location which has yet to be decided.

There are also plans to transfer the management of Stourport Sports Centre and Bewdley Leisure Centre to local community groups as part of the same scheme.

More than 500 people responded to the consultation, with 63 per cent wanting to keep the current provision.

Popular

Another 33 per cent supported an increase in council tax to fund a new building, with 47 per cent against and 10 per cent saying they had no real opinion.

The most popular new facilities requested were a 25-metre pool, sports hall, gym, cafe and learner pool.

Council leader John Campion said a report with a recommendation on whether the council should press ahead with the plans was being prepared.

"We will know more when we see what the recommendation is and then a decision on what action we take will be made. There may be a series of options for us to consider," he said.

A review into leisure services was carried out by a panel set up by the district council to find ways of reducing the £1.2 million annual bill for upkeep.

It was decided Forest Glades Leisure Centre should be closed as it is nearing the end of its operational life and bosses said it is not worth refurbishing.

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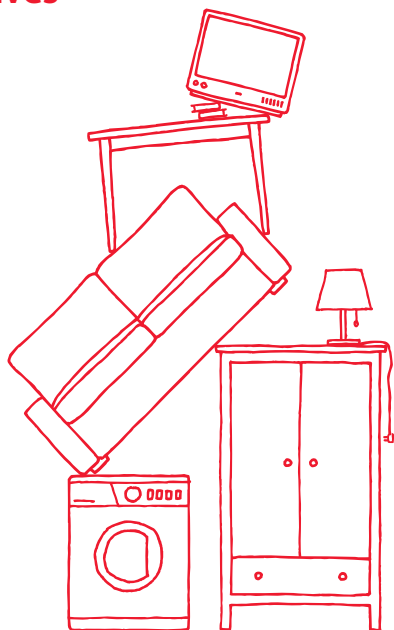
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A family sitting down to tea in September 1940. The Blitz had begun. Notice the taped-over windows (to stop glass splintering), and the banana (a treat soon to disappear)



A mealtime check in 1944. The portion chart on the wall showed fair sizes of food helpings under rationing rules.



Shoppers got used to long queues. These women in 1945 were waiting hopefully to see if the fishmonger had any fish



This photo of 'Peter' and 'Pam' using a mangle to dry the washing appeared in Picture Post magazine in 1941. Dad was away in the RAF, and the children were helping mum

Make do and mend is making a comeback

"MAKE DO and Mend" was once a phrase only heard of in wartime Britain but now the philosophy is enjoying a resurgence.

Whether it's the worldwide recession, concern for the environment or the latest celebrity trend - Make Do and Mend (MDM) is making a comeback.

In 1940s Britain, MDM was a necessity as clothes rationing was introduced and pre-war clothing factories switched their production lines to the war effort. Official advice from the government was to "always carry a needle and cotton and mending silk with you - this will save many a ladder in stockings or prevent the loss of buttons".

Clothing coupons were introduced but with each 15-month personal clothing allowance including

MEMORY LANE
by Fiona Carding

just one pair of socks every four months, one shirt every 20 months, and one jacket every two years - a stitch in time saved coupons as well as clothes.

New life for old sheets was the battle cry from Mrs Sew-and-Sew, a cartoon character created by the government during World War II to encourage women to make do and save buying new. A MDM leaflet by the Ministry of Information states, "Not only sheets but all your household things must be made the very most of."

Kay Reynolds from Dudley said: "When I was growing up in Oldbury in the early fifties my mother still

cut worn bed sheets down the centre to extend their life.

She would turn them over and restitch them, tucking the worn areas under the mattress.

Then when the sheets were too worn to use they were cut down for pillow cases before finally becoming dusters and dish cloths. Nothing went to waste."

"Frayed shirt cuffs would be unpicked, flipped over and sewn back on - the frayed edges neatly hidden away."

Utility furniture was also available and those who had lost their homes in air raids and newly weds were some of those who could apply.

Long before anyone had coined the term recycling - our grandmothers were already skilled experts. Perhaps, in these tough times, we need to take a leaf out of the history books and practise the 3R's of Recycling, Renewing and Reinventing.



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Bell Hall, Belbroughton, which is on the market for £3.5 million

A £3.5 million Victorian mansion is still on the market since it went on sale a year ago.

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Owners Steve and Caroline Murray said they were moving away partly for business reasons, and also to downsize as their three children had left to go to university.

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Thieves put lights out

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Where there's a will, then there is most likely a way

A WILL is a legal document which ensures that persons whom you intend to benefit actually do benefit upon your death.

It allows you to give specific instructions as to what you want to happen to your estate (for example your money, property and other personal possessions) upon your death. If you die without a will (intestate), your estate will be distributed in accordance with strict rules of law.

Estate

This may not necessarily reflect your individual wishes or intentions and may leave a trail of misery and potential conflict.

The rules of law relating to the distribution of your estate if you die without having made a will dictate who will administer your estate and who will benefit (and to what extent they will benefit) from it.

For example, if you are survived by a spouse or civil partner and children, the spouse will receive your personal possessions, a sum of £250,000 and the right to receive the income from half of the remaining estate.

The other half will pass to the children immediately.

You may have wished for your spouse or civil partner to have inherited most of your estate, if not the whole, in order for him/her to maintain their usual standard of living and be adequately provided for.

Provision

Further, if the estate is large enough, it is possible for an inheritance tax liability to arise since part of the estate passes to the children who, unlike the spouse or civil partner, are not exempt for inheritance tax purposes.

The rules make provision to provide for other relatives who may benefit from the estate such as parents, brothers and sisters of the whole blood, brothers and sisters of the half blood, grandparents and even aunts and uncles.

If you are not survived by any blood



Ensure that your wishes are followed by creating a legally binding will

relation, the law is at a loss and so provides that your property passes to the crown, Duchy of Lancaster or Duchy of Cornwall.

It must be noted that these rules do not make any provision for a cohabitee to benefit.

How often do we hear people say that they do not need to make a will as they feel they do not have much to give?

None of us know what we are going to be worth when we die but most of us have a house and some personal possessions.

By making a will, you can ensure that both your home and personal possessions are inherited by people who you wish, thus avoiding conflict and arguments upon your death.

Have you ever considered what will happen to your children if they are minors and lose both their parents?

By making a will, you can ensure that they are in safe hands by appointing legal guardians for them. This is not a provi-

sion that the rules of law, if you die without making a will, cater for. By simply making a will, you can also ensure that the administration of your estate and any trusts arising therefrom is handled by a person (or persons) of your choice whom you can trust and is capable of shouldering the responsibility.

Otherwise, the law will dictate who is entitled to administer your estate.

Security

A properly drafted will is the way to finding security, reassurance and peace of mind and ensure that your family members receive what you want them to have upon your death.

Depending upon your circumstances, it could also be used to mitigate any potential inheritance tax liability.

Most importantly, you stay in control making decisions which affect your financial and family circumstances.

Dealing with loss can be an agonising process

BEREAVEMENT is a distressing but common experience. Sooner or later most of us will suffer the death of someone we love.

Yet in our everyday life we think and talk about death very little.

We grieve after any sort of loss, but most powerfully after the death of someone we love.

It is not just one feeling, but a whole succession of feelings, which take a while to get through and which cannot be hurried.

In the few hours or days following the death of a close relative or friend, most people feel simply stunned, as though they cannot believe it has actually happened. They may feel like this even if the death has been expected.

This sense of emotional numbness can be a help in getting through all the important practical arrangements that have to be made, such as getting in touch with relatives and organising the funeral.

However, this feeling of unreality may become a problem if it goes on too long. Seeing the body of the dead person may, for some, be an important way of beginning to overcome this.

Similarly, for many people, the funeral or memorial service is an occasion when the reality of what has happened really starts to sink in.

Painful

It may be distressing to see the body or attend the funeral, but these are ways of saying goodbye to those we love. At the time, these things may seem too painful to go through and so are not done. However, this can lead to a sense of deep regret in future years.

Soon though, this numbness disappears and may be replaced by a dreadful sense of agitation, of pining or yearning for the dead person. There is a feeling of wanting somehow to find them, even though this is clearly impossible. This makes it difficult to relax or concentrate and it may be difficult to sleep properly.



Bereavement counselling helps many people come to terms with loss

Dreams can be very upsetting.

Some people feel that they 'see' their loved one everywhere they go - in the street, the park, around the house, anywhere they had spent time together.

People often feel very angry at this time - towards doctors and nurses who were unable to prevent the death, towards friends and relatives who did not do enough, or even towards the person who has, by dying, left them.

Another common feeling is guilt. People find themselves going over in their minds all the things they would have liked to have said or done. They may even consider what they could have done differently that might have prevented the death. Of course, death is usually beyond anyone's control and a bereaved person may need to be reminded of this.

Some people may feel guilty if they feel relieved that their loved one has died after a painful or distressing illness. This feeling of relief is natural, understandable and very common. This state of agitation is usually strongest about two weeks after the death, but is soon fol-

lowed by quiet sadness or withdrawal, depression and silence. These sudden changes of emotion can be confusing to friends or relatives, but are part of the normal process of grief.

Other people may find it difficult to understand or be embarrassed when the bereaved person suddenly bursts into tears for no obvious reason. At this stage it may be tempting to keep away from other people who do not fully understand or share the grief.

Thinking

However, avoiding others can store up trouble for the future.

During this time, it may appear to others as though the bereaved person is spending a lot of time just sitting, doing nothing.

In fact, they are usually thinking about the person they have lost, going over again and again both the good times and the bad.

This is a quiet, but essential part of coming to terms with the death.

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Community fights on for civic centre to stay open

Show will be a beauty



Will Hayward who plays the Beast, left, Jemma Game who plays Belle and Owen Burley who plays Gaston the baddy in Beauty and the Beast

YOUNG stars at Bridgnorth Musical Theatre Company are getting ready to present Disney's Beauty and the Beast.

The show, from February 14 to 18, at Bridgnorth Sports and Leisure Centre, Northgate, starts the celebrations for the company's diamond jubilee year.

Production director Mike James, musical director John Biddulph, and choreography director Karen Ridley

are creating the show and the young and enthusiastic cast would make it a show not to be missed, said spokeswoman Alison Pipe.

The show is on at 7.30 each evening, with Wednesday and Saturday matinees at 2.30 pm.

Book tickets at £14 adults and £10 children, from Bridgnorth library at 01746 763257, the leisure centre at 01746 761541 or the company at 01746 714311.

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Wind keeps crews busy

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This is first class says bandmaster after getting MBE

A RETIRED Kidderminster policeman who has raised thousands of pounds for charity has spoken of his pride at being given an MBE in the Queen's New Year honours list.

Eddie Barry served West Mercia Police for 30 years and upon retirement in 1994 set about helping good causes, mostly through the Band of West Mercia Constabulary which he helped establish six years earlier.

The band was initially a music-only venture but under Mr Barry's guidance turned into a prolific fundraising society, with more than £400,000 since donated to local and national charities.

He is now the group's vice president, having stepped down as chairman after 24 years at the helm, and said the MBE accolade was one he certainly didn't expect.

"Well it's absolutely first class," Durham-born Mr Barry, whose MBE was awarded for charity and community work, said.

"The frustrating thing was keeping it a secret - I wanted to tell my family but it was asking too much to ask three children and six grandchildren to keep it to themselves."

Support

"It all came out of the blue and it was quite moving - there was an odd tear or two shed when I found out."

As well as chairing the band, Mr Barry oversaw a committee to rebuild a scout hut in Stourport and has been a member of Stourport Rotary Club.

He was also a founding member of the Police Community Fund, West Mercia Police's own charity that supports vulnerable victims of crime which has raised £128,000 for community groups in the past 10 years.

And Mr Barry continues to be chairman of the West Mercia branch of the National Association of Retired Police Officers.

Now aged 76, the former police superintendent said he intended to take a back



Eddie Barry - MBE

seat and enjoy his retirement.

"I've had a lot of cards, letters, emails and congratulations, which has been wonderful," Mr Barry added.

"When you get to 76 you don't have these yearnings for great things like MBEs."

But I am looking forward to me and Barbara (his wife) going down to the palace."

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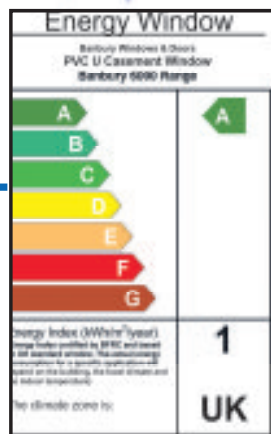
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Antelope birth boost



The rare addax antelope born at the safari park

A BABY antelope born at West Midlands Safari Park has boosted numbers of a critically endangered species giving conservationists cause for celebration. The addax antelope was arrived on December 1 and will remain in a heated stable with her mother until the weather gets warmer.

Keepers at the park in Bewdley said the birth was vitally important in terms of conservation as there are only 300 of the species in existence globally. The species, also known as the screw-horn antelope, come from the Sahara Desert so conditions have to be kept as warm as possible. Numbers have declined due to unregulated hunting.

Staff said they had not yet given the baby antelope a name. Her parents are also not named but are identified by staff by tags placed on their ears.

It was not uncommon for the antelope to give birth at this time of year and spokeswoman Angela Potter said: "We are absolutely delighted. We are constantly monitoring the youngster. When we knew her mother was about to give birth we immediately placed her in the stable which is warm and dry. The youngster will remain there until the weather gets a little warmer."

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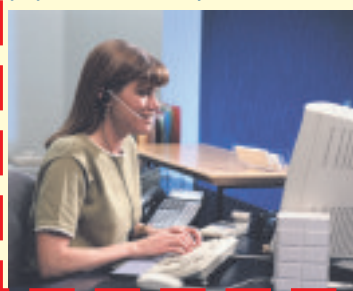


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Another blow for the Midlands

I WAS saddened to read the news that the NEC has lost the prestigious Caravan and Boat show to Excel London. I am continually amazed at the arrogance and greed of the capital and its residents, who, as ever, remain convinced that civilisation ends at Watford.

The Midlands, thanks to the wonderful NEC and prior to that the old exhibition centre at Bingley Hall has hosted the show for more than 50 years.

What a loss! How many jobs will be lost within the Midlands area?

However, as always, everything of

any worth has to go to the affluent south and hard luck to the industrious hard working people of the Midlands and the North. London regained the National Motor Show, having lost it to the far superior NEC. Since when they have been determined to grab anything and everything of any value.

They had to have the new Wembley, even though any of several Midlands sites would have been better suited to the purpose.

The more obvious one being the new National Football academy at Burton Upon Trent. The Olympic Games is yet

another example of the total selfishness of the self-serving south. Anyone with half a brain should realise that a central site for such a huge event would be more beneficial to the country as a whole.

Anyone in the country who is fortunate enough to be able to afford to attend such an event must, at no small cost travel hundreds of miles just to get to London. Londoners can virtually walk to them.

Talk about a North-South divide! It gets bigger by the day.

B Parsons, Millard Road, Coseley

Seeking information in tracing family ties

CAN any of your readers help me with my search for ancestors? I am looking for information about my grandfather, Dr Anthony Tamlyn, who lived in Sedgley from 1810 and died in 1867, and his family.

He came from Devon and lived with his large family in Sedgley High Street where he was a surgeon and GP. Most of his sons died young.

His daughter Charity married a greengrocer, Thomas Jones. They lived in Stourbridge and Worcester. Anthony Tamlyn married Jane White, of Turl's Hill, who I think was a Whites/Gibbons of Worfield and Badger, Shropshire.

I can be contacted at Les jontre@gmail.com or c/o Fr Cenydd Morrison, Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, 101 Belmont Rd, Hereford, HR2 7JR Lesley Hampton Peterchurch

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Cut to petrol price is not the answer

CALLS to drive down petrol costs doesn't strike a chord with all of us. Of course, no one likes to pay more for anything and fuel prices have risen sharply in recent times. But the image portrayed of a Downton Abbey-esque life where the car becomes a rich man's plaything is not one I foresee.

You only had to experience the daily traffic disaster area that is Merry Hill on the run up to Christmas to realise that the love affair with the motor car ain't going away any time soon. Then there is the "easy" put down of public transport - "frequently late, unreliable..." - could that have something to do with the amount of traffic on the roads?

The Government froze the planned fuel-duty increase some months ago - bus operators face a 20 per cent cut in the grant they receive on fuel duty. Bus users contribute far more to the environment than motorists do.

What we need is large-scale investment in public transport that moves large numbers of people around quickly, efficiently and cost-effectively. The alternative via fuel price cuts is more motoring, more congestion and more misery. Phil Tonks, Stourbridge

Charity group in need of your help

BORED of the same January diet detoxes or exercise regimes that never last long? Make a New Year's resolution that will last by joining Marie Curie's Kidderminster Fundraising Group and make a huge difference to your community.

The group needs new members and is calling on Chronicle readers to join.

It's fun and exciting, organising events and representing the charity in the town. It's a great way of making friends while supporting Marie Curie nurses.

The group will be at the Kidderminster Library this Thursday, January 12, from 6pm to 7.30pm. If you are interested call Catherine on 0117 942 7132 or email catherinebutt@mariecurie.org.uk or come along.

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School-choice deadline looming for new pupils

PARENTS in Wyre Forest with children due to start school for the first time have until this weekend to submit applications.

Worcestershire County Council is encouraging families to complete their forms online for September places at primary schools.

Once applications are received, they are sent an acknowledgement, often on the same day, and any revisions or changes can be made until the last minute on the closing day, this Sunday.

Team manager for pupil admissions and transfers, Clive Evans, said more parents were choosing to submit their forms online.

He said: "Not all parents realise there is an official application process they need to follow, especially if it's their first child starting school. Parents can make up to three school choices but must get their applications in on time."

"Every year some parents fail to submit an application and are then surprised when they are not offered the school they would like their child to go to."

"Over the last few years parents in Worcestershire have, increasingly, taken the opportunity to make their applications online, which is not only speedier but available 24 hours a day, seven days a week and is confidential and secure."

"Any changes can be made to the application right up until the closing date."

Once all applications are received they will be considered by the schools and offer letters will be posted to parents on April 23 after a final decision is made.

Forms are also available on 01905 822700.

Charity mountain trek

STAFF at Bridgnorth Medical Practice are hiking in the Atlas Mountains in Africa to help cancer charities. A rock night at Castle Hall on January 21, will raise funds. Call Carla Satchwell on 07843 438273 for tickets.

Homes sought for pups



Volunteers with some of the eight puppies that need to be rehomed

A DOG rescue group is looking to rehome eight 11-week-old cross-breed puppies. Their previous owner is due to go into hospital and has only managed to find homes for six of this huge, unwanted litter.

Mary Brain, admissions officer at Forest Dog Rescue, Green Gap Kennels, Far Forest, said: "Despite their obvious appeal, these puppies are not going to be easy to re-home. We have seen both parents and the offspring are likely to be large dogs."

The charity has been inundated with 21 unwanted and abandoned dogs over Christmas, including 12 Staffordshire bull terriers.

Mary said: "At a time when many rescues are closing their doors to

this breed, we continue to find them new homes. Roughly, 50 per cent of the dogs currently in our care are Staffordshire bull terriers or crosses and they will make splendid pets. The problem is, however, an ill-deserved reputation that make them harder to rehome."

"Our latest litter of puppies will attract interest and eventually will be rehomed but we can only stress that unwanted litters add to the problem of too few homes for too many dogs in rescue. Neutering is the only solution."

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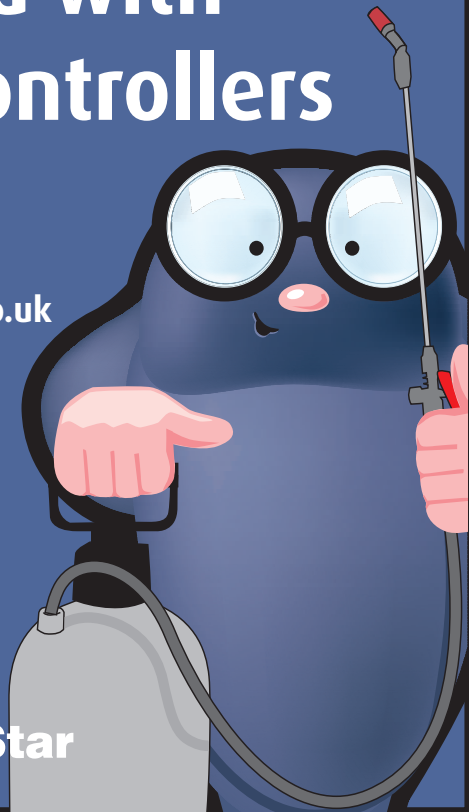
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Christmas gathering a success

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THE Christmas meeting was opened by our Vice Chairman Doreen Smith at the Moose Hall, Blackheath.

She welcomed members and a visitor and said business would be kept to a minimum as the group would be enjoying it Christmas party.

Doreen thanked all ladies for their help with the carol service on December 7 at The Central Methodist Church, Blackheath.

The service was a great success with carols sung by a local choir, readings from the nativity and carols for all the congregation to join in.

A collection was made for the group's charity, Acorns Children's Hospice and a magnificent amount of more than £400 was raised.

The party then began and the group was entertained by members with songs, stories and recitations.

A free raffle for members was held and winners were given gift vouchers. Another raffle was held with prizes donated by members, and a further £50 was raised for our charity.

Members then enjoyed mince pies baked by Joyce Dennehy, cheese and biscuits, wine, tea and coffee. Christmas cards and greetings were exchanged.

Doreen then closed the meeting, wishing everyone a wonderful Christmas and a happy new year.

The next meeting is on January 25 at the Moose Hall, Beeches Road at 10.30am. Visitors are welcomed.

CLUB NEWS

Festive table with season's greetings



Lord Lieutenant Sir James Hawley carves the turkey at the Christmas lunch

CANNOCK Lions Club provided an excellent home cooked Christmas lunch for members of SSAFA - soldiers, sailors, airmen and families association) in December.

Lord Lieutenant Sir James Hawley KCVO TD carved the turkey. Santa was also in attendance along with lions district governor Beryl Roberts who said: "This is what lions do best, serving their local communities".

Cannock Ex-Servicemen's Club Male Voice Choir provided the excellent entertain-

CANNOCK LIONS CLUB

ment including a visit from Ernie the Fastest milkman in the West. Cannock Lions Club would like to thank Novellis UK for donating the wine to accompany the meal to make it a merry occasion, and to Famous Grouse for the whiskey sent as gifts.

More photos and video can be seen on Cannock Lions Facebook page and website.

If you are interested in finding out more about Cannock Lions Club and what they do, call Beverley on 07744 202842.

Choir joins in carol service

WOLLASTON 'E' TG

OUR guild choir performed at carol services at both Cobden Street Methodist Church, Wollaston, and St Thomas' Church, Stourbridge, at which were both successful occasions.

Proceeds from Cobden Street Church will be sent to a children's charity, to be decided by the committee.

The Christmas party was on December 13 and representatives of neighbouring

guilds, Norton, Oldswinford, Kingswinford and Grange, were invited. The meal arranged by the committee and members, was most enjoyable and fully appreciated. Entertainment was provided by the duo of Dentith and Price with whom everyone joined in a

good "sing-song". Thanks was extended on behalf of the visitors by Jean Williams for a most enjoyable, festive evening. Chairman Jean Latham thanked the entertainers.

The Christmas hat competition, in which many members had participated, was won by June Parode with Jill Tranter taking second place. There then followed a raffle.

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NEWS
in briefVillage backing
for housing plan

PLANS for four houses on the site of derelict garages in Chaddesley Corbett have been welcomed by parish councillors.

Wyre Forest Community Housing wants to build the low-cost homes and Chaddesley Corbett Parish Council unanimously supported plans at a recent meeting. The houses, which will be built in The Green, have been given traditional designs in keeping with the area.

An application will be considered by Wyre Forest District Council planning committee at a future meeting.

Get on track for
train volunteers

BOSSSES at the Severn Valley Railway are on the look out for more volunteers. Helpers are needed to be guards and ticket inspectors as well as to work in the gift shops and visitor centre.

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Saving energy

BUSINESSES in Worcester-shire have been invited to a workshop aimed at helping save money with energy efficient. Worcester-shire County Council has joined the Carbon Trust to run the event on January 31 at the County Hall, Worcester. Firms should log on to www.find-it-in-worcestershire.com

Cartoonist Geoff's work fits together just like a jigsaw

FROM a talent show audition to a crowded beach in the summer – all corners of British life are depicted in these colourful cartoon scenes by a veteran Stour-bridge artist.

They take him more than two weeks each to produce – but end up in 1,000 pieces when they are sold as jigsaws.

Geoff Tristram has so far completed nine for German manufacturers Ravensburger and hopes they will prove popular worldwide.

WH Smiths and Amazon are already stocking the 27in x 12in jigsaws, some of which were inspired by locations across the Midlands.

Each scene features scores of characters in different situations, with minute details that appear as the puzzle is put together.

Chaotic

During his 35-year career Mr Tristram, of Wollaston, has painted caricatures of snooker players at the World Championships in Sheffield and written a series of comedy novels.

This latest project came about when the 56-year-old sent Ravensburger some of his ideas and asked if they were interested.

The first piece he produced was Talent Show – a chaotic scene featuring a sword swallower, an Elvis impersonator, a contortionist and others auditioning for Britain's Got Strictly X-Rated Talent on Ice.

He starts with an idea of the theme, and then makes a list of possible characters, before drawing them separately on tracing paper. He then traces them



Geoff's cartoon called Canal Holiday is inspired by the canals in Kinver



The High Street – this cartoon is based on Wollaston High Street, close to where Geoff lives

again onto the main drawing board, slowly building up the scene and fitting in extra details. He draws the outlines with black watercolour paint, before adding colour using felt tip pens.

Each picture is set in a fictional place with comical names such as

Knotworth Bothrynwith, which is used in a High Street scene based on Wollaston.

Mr Tristram, of Eggington Road, said: "You need plenty of detail for jigsaws as otherwise a lot of the pieces would be too similar."

He said he was proud of the car-



Geoff Tristram with two of his fun pieces



Based on Barnett Hill Garden Centre, Clent, this depicts the Wiltyn Badleigh centre on a hot summer's day

toons and had enjoyed coming up with some of the jokes. He added: "The manufacturers are very keen for the jigsaws to have plenty of humour, but you sometimes have to make sure they're either not too subtle, or not too crude."

Mr Tristram, who has a 17-year-

old son and a daughter aged 26, designed the cover of UB40's debut album Signing Off in 1980, which featured the yellow benefit form which shared the same name of the band. He has since built up a reputation across the country and beyond.

Roadside purge on motorists who drink

MORE than 160 people have been arrested for drinking and driving in West Mercia since the launch of an operation at the start of December.

Police officers joined forces with the region's Safer Roads Partnership and carried out roadside checks over the month.

Some 166 people in the area, which includes Wyre Forest, have been arrested for driving under the influence of drink and drugs.

Posters and beer mats have been displayed at pubs to get people thinking about the consequences of drinking and driving.

Warnings

Spokeswoman for the Safer Roads Partnership, Vicki Bristow, said: "There are still people out there who will gamble with drinking and driving thinking they won't get caught."

"Nearly 170 people so far have been arrested for driving under the influence of drink and drugs."

Superintendent Lee Davenport added: "Worryingly, and despite many warnings over the years about the dangers of drink-driving, there are still far too many reckless drivers ignoring the devastating consequences."

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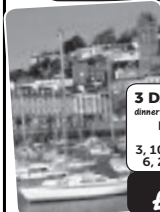
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Labourer thought stun weapon was child's toy

A LABOURER picked up what he thought was a "toy" on a children's playground - but it turned out to be a banned stun gun, a court heard.

The device, which was a plastic knuckleduster with a built-in stun gun, was found by Richard Williams, from Dudley, on a play area in Hill Top Park, West Bromwich.

But he ended up in court after police were called to his home by a member of his family and the gun was handed over.

Williams, aged 42, of Selbourne Road, admitted possessing the stun gun, which could emit an electrical discharge, and Dudley magistrates ordered him to do 100 hours community service and pay £85 costs.

The court also ordered the destruction of the weapon. Mr Richard Burch, defending,

said if Williams had not picked it up, a child could have found it and injured themselves.

Mr Burch told the court: "It was a matter of curiosity killed the cat. He thought it was a children's toy. He had no realisation that what he was doing was illegal."

"A Taser or stun gun is prohibited for anyone to have - you don't have to have a guilty mind."

"It is a criminal offence merely to have it, even though you don't necessarily know what it is."

"If a child had picked it up, the child might have injured him or herself."

"So he did some good by picking it up."

He said Williams had recently been suffering depression and stress following an unhappy divorce.

Work to link tourist attractions

DIGGERS are expected to move in to start a multi-million pound project to link two tourist attractions in a Black Country town by the end of the month, it was revealed today.

Final preparations are being made for work to start on land around the Castle Hill area of Dudley town centre.

The project will see a joint access created to Dudley Zoo, the Black Country Living Museum and Dudley Canal Trust from Tipton Road.

The scheme will also see a new arrival centre built, and a number of other projects completed.

The first task will be to clear the area ready for a link road to be built between the sites.

An exact date has not been set but council regeneration chief Angus Adams said a start

was expected "very shortly" and that plans were "progressing well".

Detailed plans are being drawn up for the road, which will run from near the Trading Post premises in Castle Hill to the back of the museum in nearby Tipton Road.

The road will also provide access to the Dudley Canal Trust which is at the back of the museum.

Shared

The scheme also includes a large car park which would be shared by the borough attractions.

Council chiefs are now planning a programme of road closures for the area while the work is due to be carried out.

The £10m scheme will see the creation of a new hotel and shopping precinct on vacant land next to the proposed site of the new Dudley

Archives building. It is hoped the project will pave the way for dozens of new businesses and turn the district into a tourism and leisure hub which will help regenerate the town and provide much-needed jobs.

The foundation of this hub will be created with the building of a shared arrival point and car parking for visitors coming to the three attractions.

Councillor Adams said: "Plans have been moving quickly but they are still quite liquid at the moment."

"There have been no delays and preparations are going well so we can expect to start work shortly," added Councillor Adams.

The work is just one of many projects which are designed to breathe new life into the town centre which is currently bidding to become a city.

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Zoom to the zumba



Suzanne Richardson and members of her Zumba class

FITNESS fanatics are being urged to strut their stuff on the dancefloor for a fundraising zumba session next month.

Dancers are needed to take part in the sponsored event on February 18 at the Great Hall at Dudley College in the Broadway. It will run from midday until 3.00pm.

Proceeds from the event will go to Sedgley's Beacon Centre for the Blind.

The class will be hosted by instructor Suzanne Richardson. All the cash will go to the charity. For further information contact Karen Gullick on 01902 880111 or email kgullick@beacon4blind.co.uk

Chance to put spring in your step at centre

FITNESS fans are invited to start the day with a spring in their step with a programme of daytime classes at Stourbridge's Crystal Leisure Centre. The Dudley Council-owned facility in Bell Street has a variety of sessions, ranging from aerobics to martial arts workouts.

The adult fitness classes are available between 9.30am and 12.15pm and cost from £4.20, with 50 per cent off for Options+ leisure discount holders. Low impact aerobics, spinning and step classes run on Mondays, with legs, bums and tums, low impact aerobics and line dancing on Tuesdays. Aquafit, bodyjam and line dancing are on Wednesdays, low impact aerobics and tone and stretch classes on Thursdays and aquafit and bodycombat on Fridays.

Various yoga classes run every morning from Monday to Friday.

Weekend classes include circuits for beginners, bodyattack and bodyjam on Saturdays and spinning, legs, bums and tums and bodycombat on Sundays.

Strictly loads of dancing on offer

DANCE has never been more popular. The success of numerous television shows, including Strictly Come Dancing, means the public has never had a greater appetite for all forms of dance.

Strictly Come Dancing fans will have a second chance to see the newly-crowned winner Harry Judd on the UK Tour starting on January 20 in Birmingham.

The list of stars joining Harry on tour are runners-up in the final Chelsea Healey and Jason Donovan, EastEnders legend Anita Dobson, ex-Olympic swimmer Mark Foster, former footballer Robbie Savage and Nancy Dell'Olio.

Classical

The judging panel features Len Goodman, Bruno Tonioli and Craig Revel Horwood, who is also directing the arena tour for the second year running.

Tickets for the 2012 tour went on sale in September and have been selling fast ever since. On tour Strictly fans get to watch their favourite dancing couples compete live for votes and can vote via their mobile phone.

The region will welcome a bumper programme of dance events including ballet to contemporary and from hip hop to classical in coming months, with the Birmingham Hippodrome leading the way.

The venue will host a performance of Matthew Bourne's Nutcracker from February 7-11.



Latest winner Harry Judd

More dance events are in store over coming months with the Royal Ballet Flanders appearing from April 25-26 with Artifact. Other productions include Sylvie Guillem's Push, which will be staged on May 11 and 12.

Birmingham Royal Ballet will return from June 20-23 for a production of Far From The Madding Crowd while the company will also appear from June 27-30 for a run of Summer Celebration.

This features three pieces: The Grand Tour - Faster, Stronger, Higher - and The Dream.

Further details are available at www.birminghamhippodrome.com

Quality theatre as top Rep-utation continues

THE all-new Birmingham Rep will not open its doors to the public until 2013 - but that doesn't mean it won't host exceptional theatre in coming months.

The Rep will continue to host productions in a series of venues and has a number of high quality productions lined-up.

Samuel Beckett's Waiting For Godot will play at The Old Rep from March 13-17 and Ian Brown will direct the playwright's funny and poetic masterpiece.

Hollywood star John Malkovich will star in a stage play for baroque orchestra and singers called The Infernal Comedy on May 26. The piece is based on the real-life story of convicted serial killer Jack Unterweyer and Malkovich's monologues will journey through the life and mind of the notorious Viennese womaniser, writer and killer. Jennifer Tuckett's highly-anticipated Kidnapping Cameron will be presented at The Old Rep from July 18-21.

The production follows the story of Lucy, a disillusioned teenager, who decides to kidnap the Prime Minister and hold the Government to ransom.

Orchestras

The Birmingham Hippodrome, meanwhile, will stage an eclectic programme featuring contemporary dance, classical ballet, opera, West End musicals, big name comedians and popular entertainment.

A busy programme will feature such events as STOMP and Birmingham Royal Ballet's Hobson's Choice, in February; Welsh National Opera and a new production of the hit musical Oliver in March and April; comedian Dara O'Briain in April and a version of The King And I in May.

The Town Hall and Symphony Hall also has a sophisticated programme in store. Spokesman Lyle Bignon said: "We have classical and world music, blues and a headline evening with Alfie Boe - and that's just in January. Over the coming months there'll be plenty more for people to enjoy, with comedy, dance and performances from some of the world's best orchestras."

Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre, meanwhile, has a



Hollywood's John Malkovich comes to The Old Rep

programme of popular theatre, dance and comedy with plenty to look forward to in coming months. Our House, the musical celebrating the work of 1980s pop stars Madness, will play from January 27-28; On Golden Pond will play from January 31-February 4 and Sister Act will run from February 7-18.

Stafford Gatehouse Theatre will promote a varied selection of artists - though plans are already advanced for the Shakespeare Festival which will run from June 28 to July 14 and feature Romeo And Juliet. Other highlights will include This Happy Breed, the Noel Coward classic, which will be performed by Stafford Players from February 7-11.

Kicking off new season at the Arena

THEATRE and film legend, Steven Berkoff, tops the bill in Arena Theatre's spring season.

The forthcoming season at the Wolverhampton theatre includes some well-known plays including Nick Horby's football-crazy play Fever Pitch and Love's Labour's Lost. There will also be a double-bill of Harold Pinter plays, The Dumb Waiter and The Lover.

Another highlight is the biographical I, Bertolt Brecht; a semi-biographical comedy from Wolverhampton's own Foursight Theatre about Hollywood legends Bette Davies and Joan Crawford.

There is also the play that hit the headlines in 2007 for then including a naked Daniel Radcliffe: Peter Schaffer's psychological thriller Equus and Steven Berkoff's adaptation for Franz Kafka's The Trial.

It is however Steven Berkoff performing his own masterclass in evil Shakespeare's Villains that headlines the season. Writer, director, actor, social and political commentator Steven Berkoff remains one of the most influential figures in contemporary British theatre.

Doddy books in his festive date

VETERAN comic Ken Dodd has announced his 2012 Wolverhampton Christmas show.

The 84-year-old last appeared at the Civic Hall on December 18, in a sell-out show that went on until 12.30am.

The comedian will bring his Merry Christmas Laughter Show 2012 to the same venue on December 16. Tickets cost £21, £18 and £15.

Chubby in city on his UK tour

CONTROVERSIAL comedian Roy 'Chubby' Brown has announced a date in Wolverhampton as part of his next UK tour.

The potty-mouthed stand-up rarely appears on TV due to the material used in his act, but has had a live DVD released every year for the past 20 years. He will hit the Civic Hall on December 20.

Touch of Irish

A SHOW celebrating the music of Irish blues-rock icon Rory Gallagher will take to the stage at Bilston's Robin 2 on Friday, January 27. Gerry McAvoy's Band of Friends consists of musicians who played with Rory throughout his career.

Fizzog fun time

THEATRE group Fizzog Productions is back with a new show, The 50 per cent Funnier Tour. It will be held at the Newhampton Arts Centre, Wolverhampton, on February 24 and 25.

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6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Nigel Slater's Simple Suppers. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Regional News. Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** World Olympic Dreams. Matthew Pinsent meets a young sprinter in Namibia. **1.30** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.30** Live Darts: BDO World Championships. Live coverage of the semi-finals. **4.30** Final Score. **5.15** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.35** Winter Wipeout.

6.35 The Magicians.

Countryfile presenter Julia Bradbury. Strictly Come Dancing judge Craig Revel Horwood and former Baywatch star David Hasselhoff join professional illusionists to perform tricks.

7.50 The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins.

Game show in which two pairs of strangers team up, each battling to outdo the other by listing as much as they know about a given subject. Presented by Nick Knowles.

8.40 Casualty. Paediatric doctor Tom Kent is faced with a mystery.**9.30 Live at the Apollo.**

Jason Manford guest-hosts the stand-up show.

10.00 BBC News; Weather.

Including highlights of Manchester United v Bolton Wanderers; National Lottery Update.

11.40 The Football League Show. Highlights and all the goals from today's fixtures in the Football League.

12.55 Weather. **1.00** BBC News.

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.00** The Sky at Night. (R) **12.20** Film: Miss Sadie Thompson. (1953) Musical, starring Rita Hayworth. **1.50** Film: Mrs Palfrey at the Claremont. (2005) Comedy drama, starring Joan Plowright and Rupert Friend. **3.30** Film: The World's Fastest Indian. (2005) Fact-based drama, starring Anthony Hopkins. **5.30** Escape to the Country. (R)

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(1969) Two couples' holiday in Switzerland leads to unexpected changes in their relationships. Ken Russell's drama, based on DH Lawrence's novel, starring Alan Bates.

11.55 Darts: BDO World Championships.

Highlights of the semi-finals at the Lakeside Country Club in Frimley Green.

12.45 Film: The Rainbow. (1988) Period drama, starring Sammi Davis and Paul McGann. **2.30** Close.

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** ITV News; Weather. **9.35** Film: Step Up. (2006) Musical romance, with Channing Tatum and Jenna Dewan. **11.30** This Morning: Saturday. **12.30** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.45** Animals Do the Funniest Things. (R) **2.45** All Star Family Fortunes. Vernon Kay hosts. (R) **3.25** Film: The Lost World: Jurassic Park. (1997) Dinosaur adventure sequel, with Jeff Goldblum. **5.45** Regional Programmes.

6.00 ITV News; Weather.**6.15 New You've Been Framed!** Featuring bridesmaids behaving badly.**6.45 Harry Hill's TV Burp.**

7.15 Take Me Out. A semi-professional wrestler, a musician, a stockbroker and a student take part.

8.30 The Talent Show Story. How Britain's Got Talent brought variety back to TV.**9.30 The Jonathan Ross Show.** With Emma Thompson, Paddy McGuinness and Brooke Shields.

10.30 ITV News; Weather. **10.45** Celebrity Juice. **11.30** FILM: Wimbledon. (2004) Romantic drama, starring Kirsten Dunst and Paul Bettany.

11.55 Darts: BDO World Championships.

Highlights of the semi-finals at the Lakeside Country Club in Frimley Green.

1.15 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **3.30** In Plain Sight. **4.15** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** The Grid. (R) **7.30** GT Academy. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** T4: Everyone's Talking About - Top 10. **9.30** Film: T4: Flicka. (2006) **11.20** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **11.50** T4: New Girl. (R) **12.20** T4: Playing It Straight. **1.25** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **4.00** Channel 4 Presents - Lee Pearson "The Colour Gold". (R) **4.05** The Simpsons. (R) **4.35** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.05** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.40** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.10 Come Dine with Me. (R)**6.40 Come Dine with Me. (R)****7.10 Channel 4 News.****7.40 4thought.tv.****7.45 FILM: Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer.** (2007) Sci-fi adventure sequel, starring Ioan Gruffudd.Australians swear by it
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(2004) Action thriller sequel, starring Wesley Snipes.

1.05 Film: The Proposition. (2004)

Australian Western, starring Guy Pearce. **2.50** Lucky Day. (R) **3.05** Farewell Packets of 10. Two women discuss the pros and cons of smoking. (R) **3.10** My Friend Michael Sniff. (R) **3.15** Britain BC. (R) **4.15** Kevin's Grand Design. (R) **5.10** Countdown. (R) **5.55** Sali Mali. (R)

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **10.15** It's All About Amy. (R) **11.15** Celebrity Big Brother: The Eviction. (R) **12.15** World's Toughest Truckee. (R) **1.15** Film: Gray Lady Down. (1978) **3.30** Film: Saddle the Wind. (1958) Western, starring Robert Taylor and John Cassavetes. **5.10** Film: The Devil's Brigade. (1968) Second World War adventure, starring William Holden.

7.30 5 News Weekend.

7.35 NCIS. Gibbs receives a call from his old friend Senator Patrick Kiley, who claims he is being framed for the murder of a naval commander - but the evidence quickly piles up against him. (R)

8.30 Celebrity Big Brother.

The second eviction from the housemates' point of view, and the rest of the goings-on as the new showbiz pals continue to get along - or not, the case may be.

9.35 FILM: Along Came Polly. (2004)

An obsessive man's well-oiled routine is thrown into disarray when a wildly spontaneous old friend walks back into his life. Romantic comedy, with Ben Stiller and Jennifer Aniston.

11.15 The Hotel Inspector.

Alex Polizzi revamps a struggling Bournemouth hotel. (R)

12.15 SuperCasino. **4.00** Great Artists. (R) **4.25** Divine Designs. (R) **4.50** Country Secrets. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

ITV2
3.35 The Planet's Funniest Animals **4.00** Harry Hill's TV Burp **4.30** Film: About a Boy (2002) **6.30** Film: Casper (1995) **8.30** Take Me Out - The Gossip **9.15** Film: Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason (2004) **11.30** Film: The River Wild (1994)

ITV3

2.35 Agatha Christie's Poirot **4.50** A Touch of Frost **6.55** Rosemary & Thyme **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Foyle's War **11.00** Film: The Bridges of Madison County (1995)

ITV4

1.45 Film: The Living Daylights (1987) **4.30** Film: The Dam Busters (1954) **7.00** The Sweeney **8.00** Minder **9.00** Film: Play Misty for Me (1971) **11.10** Film: The Beguiled (1971)

BBC THREE

7.00 Sherlock **8.30** Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson and James May create an advert for Volkswagen. Last in the series. **9.30** Film: Eagle Eye (2008) **11.20** Family Guy

BBC FOUR

7.00 Yellowstone: Unnatural Histories **8.00** Shock and Awe: The Story of Electricity **9.00** Borgen **11.00** Timeshift: The Rules of Drinking

E4

5.35 Desperate Scousewives **5.00** Scrubs **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Happy Endings **7.30** How I Met Your Mother **8.00** Rules of Engagement **8.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Rude Tube. A dancing dastman and Hollywood classics. **9.30** Film: Big Momma's House (2000) **11.30** The Big Bang Theory

FILM4

3.25 Catch That Kid (2004) **5.10** The Hot Rock. (1972) Crime comedy, starring Robert Redford and George Segal. **7.10** 17 Again (2009) Comedy, starring Matthew Perry and Zac Efron. **9.00** Daredevil. (2003) Comic-book adventure, starring Ben Affleck. **11.00** The Devil's Backbone. (2001) Psychological thriller, starring Marisa Paredes.

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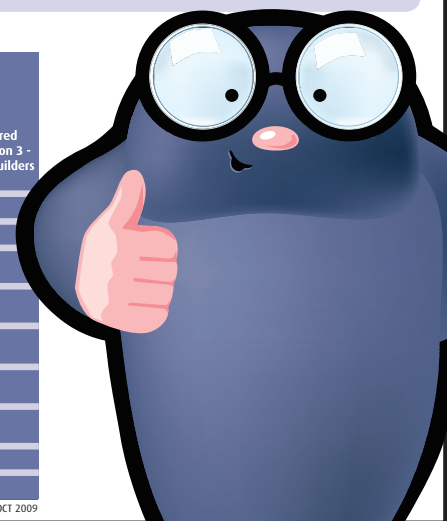
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6.00 Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Country Tracks; Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.00** Sunday Politics. **1.00** EastEnders. **3.05** Bargain Hunt. (R) **3.35** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.20** The Royal Bodyguard. (R) **4.50** Lifestyle. **5.00** Songs of Praise. **5.35** Antiques Roadshow. (R)

6.35 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **7.00** Countryfile. John Craven continues his interview with David Cameron, discussing the issues of animal welfare, farming subsidies and the badger cull.

8.00 Call the Midwife. New series. A newly qualified midwife takes up her new post, but what she thought was a private hospital turns out to be a nursing convent. Period drama, starring Jessica Raine.

9.00 Sherlock. Holmes believes Moriarty is responsible for a trio of major break-ins where nothing has been stolen — leading to a final confrontation between the masterminds. Last in the series.

10.30 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **10.55** The One Jasper Carrott. The comedian performs stand-up, sketches and music. (R) **11.35** FILM: All of Me. (1984) Comedy, starring Steve Martin and Lily Tomlin.

1.00 Weatherview. **1.05** Sign Zone. Film (2012) with Claudia Winkleman. (R) **1.45** Holby City. (R) **2.45** Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) **3.30** BBC News.

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Something for the Weekend. **11.30** Film: The Long Duel. (1967) Period adventure, starring Trevor Howard. **1.20** Live Snooker: The Masters. Ding Junhui v Ronnie O'Sullivan. **5.00** Ski Sunday. **5.45** Live Darts: BDO World Championships. Coverage of the final at the Lakeside Country Club in Frimley Green.



8.00 Great Barrier Reef. Monty Halls reveals how the Great Barrier Reef is vitally linked to the rest of the planet in many ways. Last in the series.

9.00 To Boldly Go — Up. Part two of two. Kevin Fong explains the effects of altitude on the human body, and explores technologies that enable mankind to survive at heights where oxygen is scarce. **10.00** Match of the Day 2. Colin Murray reviews the day's Premier League action. **11.00** Frank Skinner's Opinionated. The comedy show comes from Salford. (R) **11.30** Fast and Loose. Featuring Greg Davies, Justin Edwards and Pippa Evans. (R)

12.00 Snooker: The Masters. Mark Williams v Stephen Maguire. **12.50** Snooker Extra. **2.50** BBC News. **3.55** Close.

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** ITV News; Weather. **9.30** Ade in Britain. (R) **10.30** Dinner Date. (R) **11.30** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **12.30** You've Been Framed! (R) **1.00** ITV News; Weather. **1.05** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **2.10** Film: Columbo: Identity Crisis. (1975) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk and Patrick McGeehan. **4.10** Vera. (R)

6.00 Regional Programmes. **6.15** ITV News; Weather. **6.30** Dancing on Ice. The celebrities who did not perform last week take their chance to impress the public and the judges. Phillip Schofield and Christine Bleakley present the competition. The results can be seen at 9.30pm.

8.30 Wild at Heart. Du Plessis is haunted by his belief that Danny murdered Peeters.

9.30 Dancing on Ice: The Skate Off. The two least popular celebrities have to skate again.

10.00 That Sunday Night Show. With Des O'Connor, Nancy Dell'Olio and Ross Noble.

10.30 ITV News; Weather. **10.45** FILM: Bloody Sunday. (2001)



12.45 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **1.45** Ladette to Lady: Australia. (R) **2.35** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Freeports on 4. (R) **7.25** That Paralympic Show. (R) **7.50** Channel 4 Presents — Jody Cundy 2012. (R) **7.55** T4: Beyonce Live from Roseland. (R) **8.50** T4: One Tree Hill. (R) **9.45** T4: Hollyoaks. (R) **12.15** T4: Shipwrecked: The Island. **1.15** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.50** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.15** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **2.45** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **3.15** Film: Entrapment. (1999) Crime thriller, starring Sean Connery and Catherine Zeta-Jones. **5.25** Deal or No Deal. Game show, with Noel Edmonds.

6.25 Channel 4 News. **6.55** 4thought.tv. **7.00** Hugh's Three Hungry Boys. New series. **8.00** The Hotel. Mark tries to boost staff morale during the busy summer season.



9.00 FILM: The Reader. (2008) Premiere. Drama, starring Kate Winslet.

11.25 FILM: Underworld. (2003) Supernatural action thriller, starring Kate Beckinsale.

1.35 Laid Off. Short film, starring John-Paul Hurley. (R) **1.45** Film: Train to Pakistan. (1998) Drama, starring Nirmal Pandey. (R) **3.20** The Bypass. (R) **3.40** Much Ado About a Minor Ting. (R) **4.10** Kevin's Grand Design. (R) **5.05** Designers Under Pressure. (R) **5.15** Countdown. (R)

6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fili and the Flowerbuds. (R) **6.25** Fireman Sam. (R) **6.35** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Igam Ogam. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **7.30** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.45** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.50** Olivia. (R) **8.00** Little Princess. (R) **8.15** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.30** Angelina Ballerina. **8.45** Mio Mao. (R) **8.50** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.30** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** Mist: Sheepdog Tales. (R) **10.00** Inside Hollywood. **10.10** Grey's Anatomy. (R) **11.10** Celebrity Big Brother. (R) **12.10** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **1.10** Film: The Pink Panther. (2006) Comedy remake, starring Steve Martin. **2.55** Film: Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby. (2006) Comedy, starring Will Ferrell. **5.00** Film: Ace Ventura: Pet Detective. (1994) Comedy, starring Jim Carrey.

6.40 FILM: Hellboy. (2004) Comic-book action fantasy, starring Ron Perlman. **9.00** World's Scariest Plane Landings. (R) **9.50** 5 News Weekend. **10.00** Celebrity Big Brother. **11.05** FILM: Not Another Teen Movie. (2001) Comedy, starring Chyler Leigh.

12.45 Comedy Kings: Best of Just for Laughs. (R) **1.15** SuperCasino. **4.00** County Secrets. (R) **4.10** Great Scientists. (R) **4.35** Divine Designs. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

ITV2 **3.00** All Star Family Fortunes. **4.00** Harry Hill's TV Burp. **4.30** New You've Been Framed! **5.00** Film: The Borrowers (1997) **6.55** Film: Happy Feet (2006) **9.00** Winners & Losers **11.00** Film: The Holiday (2006)

ITV3 **4.00** Film: Watership Down (1978) **5.55** Agatha Christie's Poirot **9.00** Lewis. A religious fanatic is found beaten and drowned in his bath. **11.00** Cracker

ITV4 **3.20** Film: MacArthur (1977) **5.55** Film: Where Eagles Dare. (1969) Second World War adventure, with Richard Burton and Clint Eastwood. **9.00** Film: Falling Down. (1993) Urban thriller, starring Michael Douglas. **11.20** Film: The Return (2006)

BBC THREE **7.00** Film: Herbie: Fully Loaded (2005) **8.35** Most Annoying People of 2011 **9.00** Edinburgh Comedy Fest Live 2011. Part one of two. Stand-up comedy. **10.00** American Dad! **10.45** Family Guy **11.30** Confessions of a Sex Addict

BBC FOUR **7.00** The Story of Musicals **8.00** Film: Robin and the 7 Hoods. (1964) Gangster comedy, starring Frank Sinatra. **10.00** Sing's Musicals. Featuring Ella Fitzgerald, Jeff Beck, Jay-Z and Captain Sensible. **11.00** The Story of Musicals

E4 **3.35** Being Erica **4.30** Samantha Who? **4.55** Film: The Wedding Planner (2001) **7.00** 90210 **8.00** David Blaine: What Is Magic? A series of illusions performed across America. **9.00** Desperate Housewives **11.00** Rude Tube 2012

FILM4 **3.10** The War of the Worlds. (1953) Sci-fi drama, starring Gene Barry. **4.50** The Family Stone (2005) **6.50** Made in America (1993) **9.00** He's Just Not That Into You. (2009) Romantic comedy, starring Ginnifer Goodwin. **11.30** Chain Reaction (1996)

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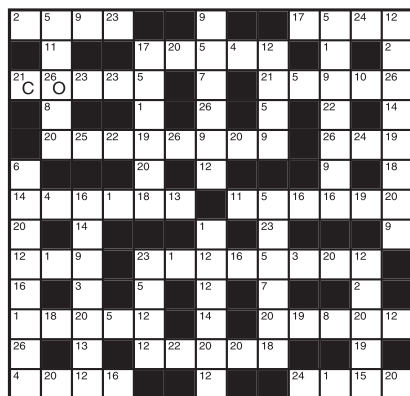
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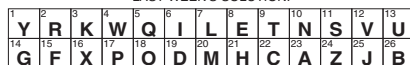
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Double Crossword

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Cryptic Clues:

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- All measured out like a good road (8)
- Part of a tree used as a bow (4)
- None of it is good, it's said (4)
- A sign that the commanding officer's in prison perhaps (8)
- Not qualified to speak (5)
- Frank article written by G.B. Shaw (7)
- Just one of twenty-four today (9,4)
- Basically, it's intended to make one's pile last longer (8)
- A slight mark on the music? (4)
- Chided a debater, perhaps (7)
- Tried to get well? (5)
- Bird to perform repeatedly (4)
- He doesn't like to strike (8)

Down

- His choice will get cross! (7)
- Results of questionable actions? (7)
- I cleaned a copy - it could be a valuable book (13)
- One gets four or six in the test, but it's unimportant (7)
- Permission to give the fellow an appointment (7)
- Smoothed out on board, perhaps (6)
- Beaten by one particular suit? (7)
- Arranged, but not voluntarily (7)
- Elf makes random trips over the East (6)
- Stop knitting and prepare for sea (4,3)
- Theirs is an exacting business (7)

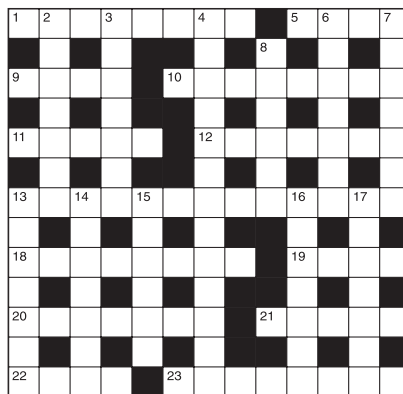
Quick Clues:

Across

- Rapturous (8)
- Praise (4)
- Support (4)
- Gets (8)
- Unspoken (5)
- Signal (7)
- Without a delegate (13)
- Shrink (8)
- Legend (4)
- Feeling (7)
- Monstrosity (5)
- Standard (4)
- Control (8)

Down

- Sure (7)
- Upper part (3-4)
- White heat (13)
- Tumbler (7)
- Go down (7)
- Delicate (6)
- Dirty (7)
- Spite (7)
- Let (6)
- Figure (7)
- Derive (7)



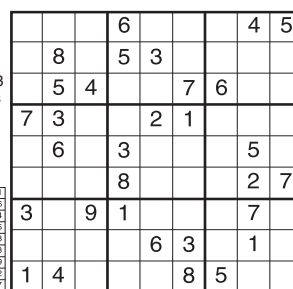
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CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Assent; 4 Combat; 9 Divorce decree; 10 Correct; 11 Emits; 12 Fives; 14 Stage; 18 Tiler; 19 Diocese; 21 Breach of faith; 22 Easier; 23 Elders. Down: 1 Addict; 2 Severe illness; 3 Nurse; 5 Overeat; 6 Burning desire; 7 Theist; 8 Heats; 13 Earache; 15 Stale; 16 Add on; 17 Meshes; 20 Offal. QUICK - Across: 1 Duree; 4 Abduct; 9 Secret Service; 10 Omitted; 11 Inter; 12 Pitch; 14 Charm; 18 Trail; 19 Extrude; 21 Prime Minister; 22 Denote; 23 Pledge. Down: 1 Despot; 2 Recrimination; 3 Sweet; 5 Burnish; 6 Uninterrupted; 7 Theory; 8 Aside; 13 Collect; 15 Stupid; 16 Peril; 17 Degree; 20 Trial.

Sudoku

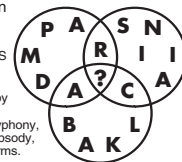
Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >



Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



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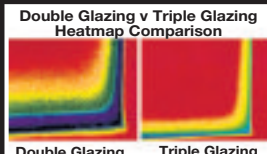
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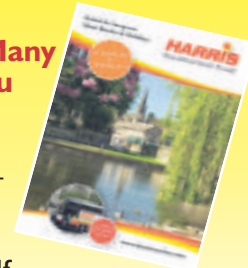
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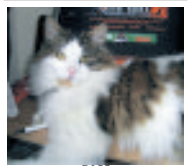
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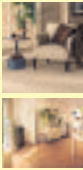
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Saxons lose as Reid is injured

STOURBRIDGE Saxons started the year with a 31-21 defeat at Fylde and had prop Joe Reid stretchered off.

But they did have something to show from their trip to Lancashire – a man-of-the-match display from young full-back Liam Holder on his debut.

Straight from the kick-off, Fylde showed their attacking intent and opened the scoring on five minutes when winger Olly Viney took advantage of good offloading from Evan Stewart and Paul Arnold dotted down for Richard Kenyon to convert.

Poor handling by Fylde allowed 19-year-old Holder, a product of Leicester's Academy, to convert two early penalties.

Fylde turned the screw with two tries three minutes but the first period was marred by Reid's injury.

The Saxons started brighter in the second period and scored tries through wingers Tom Jarvis and Nathan Bressington.

Those sandwiched a Fylde try by Gareth Rawlings. Fylde put the game to bed with a try by Richard Kenyon, who added the extras, before a late Saxon try.

Lindgren agrees to be captain

STAR rider Freddie Lindgren will be the Wolves speedway captain for 2012.

The Swede signed his new contract in front of supporters at a fans' talk-in held at Chillingham Working Men's Club, Wolverhampton, on Monday.

Team boss Peter Adams told a packed audience that the captaincy had been "the domain of Peter Karlsson for more years than we care to remember".

But with the 42-year-old spending the season on loan at Lakeside, Adams added: "I asked Freddie if he would do us the honour of leading the team this season and he didn't hesitate."

As top average rider in the side, Lindgren automatically assumes the No.1 race jacket. Fellow Swede, new-boy Pontus Aspgren, would probably partner him at two.

Tai Woffinden is earmarked for five with Nicolai Kindt and Ty Proctor as the three and four engine room.



Eyes on the ball as Lee Hendrie tries to win possession for the Harriers



James Vincent attempts to hold off a Hayes and Yeading challenge for Harriers

Happy Harriers saved by two very late goals

Kidderminster 3
Hayes and Yeading 1

KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS moved back into the Blue Square Premier play-off places after stoppage time goals from Jamille Matt and Nick Wright sealed a dramatic victory over Hayes & Yeading at Aggborough.

The relegation-threatened visitors led 1-0 at half-time, before Steve Guinan set up a grandstand finish with an 82nd-minute equaliser.

The victory on Saturday lifted never-say-die Harriers into fifth place in the table and extended their impressive unbeaten run to 11 games.

It also secured their first league 'double' of the season, having won 3-1 at Kingfield in November.

Harriers were on the road at play-off chasing Gateshead on Tuesday night looking to keep up their hot streak with boss Steve Burr happy the record is intact.

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He said: "I did think, with the chances we created and things hitting the bar and being cleared off the line, it might not be our day."

"Had we not won, we would probably have been criticised but I thought our performance was good, particularly in the second-half."

"We kept going and we were worth the win. We stuck the ball in the net when it mattered."

Harriers paid the price for a below-par first-half display when they fell behind to a Luke Williams goal in the 28th minute.

It could have been worse a few minutes later when second-from-bottom Hayes almost extended their lead with a sweetly struck curling shot from Julian Rose, which hit the post. Harriers began to build up a



Kidderminster's powerful striker Jamille Matt tries to fend off an opponent

head of steam during an exciting second-half. It was only seven minutes after the break when Mickey Demetriou pulled the trigger on a long range shot, clipping the top of the crossbar.

Burr began making substitutions shortly after the hour mark, including the introduction of newcomer Dan Bradley.

The changes soon began paying off and Harriers finally got back on level terms in the 82nd minute.

Substitute Guinan had the distinction of notching his side's 50th league goal of the season, turning the ball in after Hayes had failed to clear a corner. A few minutes later, tempers became frayed with several players involved in an ugly flare-up.

This set the scene for a thrilling climax to Harriers' seventh home league victory of the campaign. A couple of minutes into stop-

page time, striker Matt took advantage of a poor back pass to round goalkeeper Carl Pentney and place the ball home.

It was his 12th goal of the season, eight of them coming in the last eight games.

Matt, a recent subject of interest from Football League club Northampton, then turned provider to settle the game once and for all.

His work helped set up the opportunity for substitute Wright to collect his ninth goal of the term.

Kidderminster: Breeden; Vaughan, Jones, Sharpe, Demetriou, Hendrie, Storer, Vincent (Bradley 62); Hankin (Guinan 75), Matt, Gittings (Wright 62). **Subs not used:** Lyness, Mike Williams.

Hayes & Yeading: Pentney; Moutaouakil (Bell-Baggie 77), Cadmore, Rose (Bettamner 90), Soares, Williams (Ajala 72), Lee, Folkes, Owusu, Wishart, Walsh. **Subs not used:** Beasant, Argent.

Referee: Nick Kinsley (Essex). **Attendance:** 1,732 (35 away fans).



Matt continues the touchline struggle

Poulton judo joy with win at double

SAMAURAI Alex Poulton won double gold in the Rod Lane Memorial Trophy event.

In the heavyweight category of the lower grades section, his first contest lasted just 28 seconds before launching his opponent into the air for maximum points. Two more wins in 35 seconds and six seconds saw him into the final, where he showed his groundwork skills to gain a submission and earn the gold medal. For good measure Poulton also entered the higher grades heavyweight category and won all of his contests to take his second gold.

Brendan Crummy took gold in his debut at senior level. The 15-year-old had a tough group in the under 66 kilos higher grades section but started with a demolition of a Gloucester player who lasted less than half a minute with him. Crummy scored with a rolling shoulder throw and followed up on the ground for maximum points with a hold-down. His next three opponents from Coventry, Sheffield and Bristol were all dispatched by maximum point throws and he won a close battle with a German opponent.

Maximum

The final was against a Stroud player whose game plan was to attack at high pace. Crummy simply rode out the first couple of attacks and neatly turned his opponent over and held him for maximum points and the gold medal.

Dan Cox clocked up several maximum wins on his way to silver. Garry Yang was also scoring maximums, both with throws and groundwork as he clocked up a bronze in the light-middleweights, but doing even better in this category was Ryan Hardiman who was also making his senior debut. He had a series of fine wins including defeating Yang in the semi. He put up an excellent performance in the final against a Smethwick player before losing to a very good throw and having to settle for silver.

Joe Johnstone was making his debut in the middleweight category. In the final he was up against a Warwick University player who he had earlier beaten in an excellent contest, but this time he was unlucky to be caught with a fine throw and had to settle for silver. Jess Sullivan gained a bronze medal.

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Kate pays the price as she makes a mistake

KIDDERMINSTER Samurai judo star Kate Walker was left to rue an error in the South Korea World Cup.

After a first round bye she faced a tough opening contest against the American No.1, currently ranked 40 in the world.

But Walker was looking sharp and moving well and won the contest in considerable style.

She was then up against a French player also ranked highly in the world, and took an early lead.

Walker looked dominant and with four of the five minutes gone appeared to be home and dry before a slight mistake on the ground left her open to a counter-move which gained a submission and eliminated her from the competition.

Annoyingly for Walker, the French player then went on to comfortably win the bronze.

However, the results – Walker finished ninth – brought her back into the world's top hundred and also showed that she can handle players in the top half of those rankings.

Lye share spoils after fight-back

LYE showed spirit to recover from two goals to down and claim a West Midlands Premier League point at home to Bustleholme.

The visitors started the brighter and their pressure finally paid off in the 10th minute.

A great ball from Luke Charlton found Jamie Clews, he fed Ishmail Harris, who beat the advancing keeper with a low drive.

Ten minutes later the Bs doubled their lead when Charlton and Steff Chilton combined down the right with Charlton's pinpoint cross being headed into the top corner by Clews.

Lye pulled one back when Steve Bull hit a 25-yard screamer that gave Bustleholme keeper Matt Martin no chance.

Right on half-time a defensive mix-up from Lye gave Clews a chance to restore the two-goal cushion but his tame shot went wide.

The second half was dominated by the home side and their persistence was rewarded when a Matthew Webb cross found Lawrence Brown unmarked and he headed home an equaliser.

Great start but last-kick misery for KCs

Kidderminster Carolians 17 Newbold-on-Avon 25

KIDDERMINSTER were desperately unlucky not to take something from this game after pushing second-in-the-table Newbold all the way.

Ultimately a missed conversion in the last minute deprived them of what would have been a well-earned point.

They had the best possible start when the visitors failed to deal with the kick-off and conceded a lineup from which KCs set up a drive that Newbold could only halt illegally.

Kidder kicked the penalty to touch and this time their lineup drive was unstoppable and No 8 Layton Wilkinson's try was well converted by flyhalf Chris Pinner to

establish a 7-0 lead after two minutes. With 10 minutes played Newbold's No 10 knocked over a penalty from the 22 metre line but five minutes later KCs nearly scored again when a tap tackle brought down centre Nick Martin just short of the line.

Aware of the threat posed by the visitors' backs, KCs were right in their faces and a bit of niggles began to creep in but another fine run by the lively Martin caused Newbold more problems and only a missed Kidder penalty prevented the high-fliers falling further behind. Three minutes before the

break Newbold took the lead with a converted try under the posts after a couple of quickly taken tap penalties found a hole in KCs defence.

Three minutes into the second period Pinner made a break and floated a pass to Martin, who just squeezed in at the left corner for a disputed try.

KCs then had a let off when Newbold missed a penalty from in front of the sticks.

Then came a pivotal incident when full-back Andy McLellan dropped a goal which soared between the posts but the unsighted

referee did not allow the score. Undeterred, KCs continued to press but missed a penalty. Three minutes later they were made to pay when they allowed Newbold's full-back to break out from his own 22 and feed his winger who raced away for a try under the posts.

The conversion put Newbold 17-12 in front and they then added with a drop goal. Kidder conceded again as Newbold crossed for their third try.

A second try for Martin in the last minute reduced the arrears to eight points and a successful conversion would have earned KC's a losing bonus point.

Bewdley move up to fourth after win

BEWDLEY TOWN started the new year with a fine 2-0 away win at Cradley Town which moved them into fourth spot in the West Midlands Premier.

Both teams looked a little off the pace in the first 10 minutes, probably due to the fact that neither had played since the beginning of December.

Bewdley then found their passing game and began to dominate possession, limiting Cradley to few and far between counter-attacks, which in the main resulted in offside decisions, causing Bewdley keeper Steadman no problems whatsoever.

Ollie Smith was a constant threat and he opened the scoring, firing a shot through a crowded penalty area after a period of sustained Bewdley pressure.

Ten minutes later Smith again worked an opening, drifted in to the penalty area only to be fouled by a Cradley defender.

Craig Webb despatched the penalty into the top right corner giving Bewdley a 2-0 advantage.

The rest of the game followed the pattern of many of Bewdley's games this season with a host of gilt-edged chances not being put away, but Cradley still had no answer as Bewdley saw the game out quite comfortably.

Joint first team manager Brian Lacey said: "It was a very pleasing result after such a long break since our last game."

Bewdley travel to fifth-placed Wolverhampton Casuals this Saturday, with both Chris Hough and Chris Seekings returning from suspension.

Afternoon with keeper

FORMER England wicket-keeper Paul Nixon will discuss his career at a special afternoon event.

Nixon, now an IPL coach, will be at Himley Cricket Club on Friday, February 24 from 12.30pm.

Tickets are priced at £40 including lunch and there will also be a guest comedian. To reserve tickets contact Gordon Lewis on 07814619447 or email gordonlewis@hotmail.com

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NEW BLOOD JOINS HARRIERS' BOARD

KIDDERMINSTER Harriers chairman Mark Serrell believes the massive boardroom revamp will prove to be "absolutely key" to the club's progress.

No fewer than five new faces were appointed to the club's board of directors at the end of last week, while Andrew Maidstone has done a U-turn and reconsidered his resignation. Ernie Lane, Kath Lane and Gino Ruffinato are joined by John Davies, serving as the voice for the Kidderminster Harriers Independent Supporters Trust (KHIST).

Davies was already representing KHIST in an acting role while Serrell's wife Ruth has also been accepted onto the board of directors while continuing to serve as company secretary.

The Lanes have played an active role in fundraising through the Harriers Premier Group, while Ruffinato has been the club's kit maker and supplier from this season.

And the chairman believes the quartet will bring fresh ideas and an added enthusiasm upstairs at Aggborough.

He said: "These appointments are absolutely key to the football club and I would want all supporters to be without doubt that the club is, with them on board, in a much stronger position than it would be without them."

"Mr and Mrs Lane have been fantastic supporters of the club for many years and I am delighted for them, as I know they will enjoy playing an even bigger part of things."

"They have been in business for many years now and will be bringing a tremendous amount to the table. Gino Ruffinato has been in business for Kidderminster and the surrounding areas for decades now and has a

by Craig Birch

substantial wealth of knowledge and experience, we are tapping into that and are already reaping the benefits.

"Certainly, without the considerable support of my wife throughout the last 12 months, I would have been unable to devote even half the time and energy that I've given to the club."

"Her professionalism and commitment is pivotal to our continued progress."

"I made clear some time ago that, as far as I am concerned, anyone joining this club's board would need to be able to contribute in a big way – be that in terms of finances, or ideas that can help us to raise money."

"All individuals have, without question, met those requirements and I am delighted to have everything completed."

Maidstone resigned in November but has agreed to return to his role serving the club's financial director, Joe Hancox.

Serrell added: "I would also stress to people that these will not be the last of the new arrivals both in the boardroom and, hopefully, out on the pitch too."



Dave Hankin goes down the touchline for Harriers in their 3-1 Aggborough success over Hayes and Yeading

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